

Ebury Bridge Community Futures Group – Meeting 53

7th December 2021, 6.30pm – 7.30pm

via Microsoft Teams

Members Attendance:

- Tom McGregor [TMC] – Chairperson
- George Panayioudou [GP]
- Joanne Winterbottom [JW]
- Tammy Dowdall [TD]

Apologies:

- Cristina Pasantes [CPa]
- Charlotte Pragnell [CPr]
- Louis Blair [LB]

Absences:

- Mohammed Eisa [ME]

WCC Officers and Consultants:

1. Gelina Menville [GM] – Programme Director
2. Millie Morrissey [MM] – Project Support Officer (Meeting notes)
3. Martin Crank [MC] – Communications & Engagement Manager
4. Tom Elwood [TE] – Programme Manager
5. Stephen Stretton [SS] – Programme Manager

Notes: *This document provides a summary of the discussions which took place during the meeting including questions and respective responses that were raised during the session, action points and key decisions.*

1. Welcome

TMc welcomed all members and officers. Apologies received from LB, CPa and CPr.

2. Belbin Model

MC explained that in the new year, with a full group, the CFG and officers will take part in the Belbin Model Exercise. The results will tell people the 'team role' they play within a team group or organisation. The exercise will be shared with the group in advance. MC explained this is a process of self-reflection, using a multiple-choice survey. Item to be brought back in January's agenda.

3. Direction of the CFG

GM explained over the last few months, she has met with most of the group and had 1:1 conversations to discuss thoughts on the CFG and how it could operate in the future. GM added themes that have come out of those conversations is how we involve the construction/Bouygues element. This could potentially mean having alternate meetings, one CFG Focussed, one CFG Construction focussed.

Alternatively, the monthly CFG meetings could be split in half. GM added it was also agreed that The CFG need more members. The team will need so some promotion of what the CFG does. This

may encourage other residents to feel more comfortable and understand what goes on. Once all one-to-one meetings have taken place will be brought back to the group.

GP suggested that it may be beneficial for residents/CFG to set the agenda every now and then. GP added he would like more opportunity to ask questions and be given materials in advance of meetings, to better understand each topic that is spoken about.

TD suggested amending wording to make it simple as jargon is used quite frequently. TD added residents aren't from the same industries as those who speak at meetings. GM agreed and added WCC need to improve when sharing information and presentations prior to meetings. GM commented these changes would enable people to arrive to meetings better prepared.

4. CFG Review of 2021

MC outlined the milestones and successes of the last 12 months, including the successful rehousing of over 100 households with vast majority set to return, the Leaseholder Journey document produced with the CFG, the procurement of Bouygues as Phase 1 contractor, a successful planning application, large scale demolition amongst many other things.

TMc added the general role of the CFG and its input has had a massive influence and been a consistent resident voice over this time.

MC presented what the 2022 CFG programme areas look like:

- Expansion of the CFG (Construction focus?)
- Bouygues UK to start the construction work
- Launch on the Local Lettings Plan
- Residents begin the process of selecting their new homes
- Ebury Edge Events (Easter and Summer)
- Launch of the New Ebury Bridge brand
- Naming of the new blocks/squares
- Consultation around a new manager and associated service charges

5. Any Other Business

Christmas

MC notified residents of the Christmas light switch on event at Ebury. MC explained there will be Live Reindeer on site and the Leader of the Council will be visiting. The event will take place on 14th December at 4.30pm and everyone is welcome to attend.

TMC wished everyone a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. TMc added there has been an awful lot of successes in a very difficult year, however the CFG have carried on and remained consistent. TMC thanked the group and officers.

6. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th January 2022

(One week later than usual)